Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag unit for a motor vehicle comprising:

a tubular gas generator for generating a filling gas for an airbag, the gas generator having a tube axis;

a fastening element for tying the gas generator to the motor vehicle; and

a deformation element which is configured to interact with the gas generator and deform to allow the tubular gas generator to be displaced relative to the motor vehicle in the direction of the tube axis**;**

wherein the deformation element is arranged between the fastening element and the tubular gas generator.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The airbag unit of Claim 1, further comprising guide members for guiding the tubular gas generator along a defined displacement path, wherein the guide members are engaged.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~**The airbag unit of Claim 2, further comprising**~~ **An airbag unit for a motor vehicle comprising:**

a tubular gas generator for generating a filling gas for an airbag, the gas generator having a tube axis;

a fastening element for tying the gas generator to the motor vehicle;

a deformation element which is configured to interact with the gas generator and deform to allow the tubular gas generator to be displaced relative to the motor vehicle in the direction of the tube axis; and

a first guide member arranged on the fastening element and a second guide member located on the ~~**on the**~~ tubular gas generator and engaged with the first guide member.

5. (Currently Amended) The airbag unit of Claim 4, wherein ~~the two guide members extend~~ **the first guide member extends** essentially in the direction of the tube axis of the tubular gas generator **and the second guide member extends essentially in a direction away from the tube axis of the tubular gas generator**.

6. (Currently Amended) The airbag unit of Claim 4, wherein the first guide member is a long hole and the second guide member is a pin engaging into the long hole ~~(20)~~.

7. (Original) The airbag unit of claim 3, wherein the displacement path formed by the guide members points essentially away from a vehicle occupant located in the vehicle interior.

8. (Currently Amended) The airbag unit of ~~Claim 3~~ **claim 4**, wherein the first and/or the second guide member has at least one stop for limiting the displacement travel of the tubular gas generator in at least one direction.

9. (Currently Amended) The airbag unit of claim 1, wherein the deformation element is arranged ~~in such a way~~ **so** that a displacement of the tubular gas generator is prevented when the gas generator is subjected to a force, in the direction of the tube axis, which is lower than a predetermined force.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The airbag unit of claim 10,~~ **An airbag unit for a motor vehicle comprising:**

a tubular gas generator for generating a filling gas for an airbag, the gas generator having a tube axis;

a fastening element for tying the gas generator to the motor vehicle; and

a deformation element which is configured to interact with the gas generator and deform to allow the tubular gas generator to be displaced relative to the motor vehicle in the direction of the tube axis;

wherein the deformation element is arranged between the fastening element and the tubular gas generator; and

wherein the deformation element is arranged so that the tubular gas generator is braced ~~**between**~~ **by** a stop and the fastening element.

12. (Original) The airbag unit of claim 1, wherein the gas generator is positioned so that the tube axis points essentially in the direction of the motor vehicle interior.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~**The airbag unit of claim 1, further comprising**~~ **An airbag unit for a motor vehicle comprising:**

a tubular gas generator for generating a filling gas for an airbag, the gas generator having a tube axis;

a deformation element which is configured to interact with the gas generator and deform to allow the tubular gas generator to be displaced relative to the motor vehicle in the direction of the tube axis; and

a housing for receiving further components of the airbag unit, ~~**in particular a diffuser and/or a gas bag, is**~~ **wherein the housing is** arranged on the tubular gas generator.

14. (New) The airbag unit of claim 13, wherein the housing houses least one of a diffuser and a gas bag.

15. (New) The airbag unit of claim 13, further comprising a fastening element for tying the gas generator to the motor vehicle.

16. (New) The airbag unit of claim 11, further comprising guide members for guiding the tubular gas generator along a defined displacement path.

17. (New) The airbag unit of claim 16, wherein the displacement path formed by the guide members points essentially away from a vehicle occupant located in the vehicle interior.

18. (New) The airbag unit of claim 3, wherein at least one of the guide members has a stop for limiting the displacement travel of the gas generator.

19. (New) The airbag unit of claim 4, wherein the deformation element is arranged in such a way that a displacement of the tubular gas generator is prevented when the gas generator is subjected to a force in the direction of the tube axis which is lower than a predetermined force.

20. (New) The airbag unit of claim 11, wherein the deformation element is arranged so that a displacement of the gas generator is prevented when the gas generator is subjected to a force, in the direction of the tube axis, which is lower than a predetermined force.

21. (New) The airbag unit of claim 4, wherein the deformation element is arranged between the fastening element and the gas generator.